

On January 14, 2010, the events of the world and the war left a permanent mark on Westwood, New Jersey. That day we learned that Sgt. Christopher Hrbek of the United States Marine Corps was killed in action, fighting for our country in Afghanistan. Many of us knew Sgt. Hrbek, but not for the wrong reasons---Chris was a good hearted kid, a volunteer in his community through the Westwood Fire Department, and a decorated United States Marine.

In the days and weeks following Sgt. Hrbek's death, the outpouring of support from people in the area showed an unmatched spirit of community, patriotism and unity. People from all walks of life helped in anyway they could to pay tribute to his memory. This spirit was evident during Sgt. Hrbek's homecoming, wake and funeral.

As a Police Department, we wondered how we could help keep Sgt. Hrbek's memory alive. It was an easy decision when the family started the scholarship fund in his name. As we started a collection, we were challenged by some local businessmen, to whom this cause hit very close to home. Those businessmen stated that they would match whatever the Police Department could raise toward the scholarship fund.

Sgt. Hutchinson was instrumental in garnering the support from the local businessmen, and he would like to publicly announce and thank them for their support.

*[ Sgt. Hutchinson announces and thanks the businessmen for their support ]*

*American Fittings Corp  
Burke Built Construction Co. Inc  
C & C Tie Inc  
Johnston Brothers Contracting  
Kelly Donahue Contracting Inc  
Pascack Community Bank  
Steve Phykitt Plumbing and Heating  
Timber Tree Service  
Palisades Land and Management LLC  
WestwoodTruck Repair*

Through the combined generosity of these businessmen and the Westwood Police PBA, we would like to present a check in the amount of \$9,000 to Sgt. Hrbek's Family.

Although the world left its mark on Westwood, New Jersey on January 14, 2010, in the following days and weeks, The Westwood community, in return, left its own mark on the world for how we honored our hero and welcomed him home. For that, all those involved should be forever proud.

*[ Presentation of the check by Ptl. Sean Roche, Westwood PBA & Family Friend ]*